IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

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Mr. Burnside, from the Committee on Military Affairs, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany bill S. 230.]

The Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 230) for the relief of Capt. C. H. Briggs, have duly considered the same, and beg leave to submit the following report:

Captain Briggs was mustered into the service of the United States and appointed as first sergeant Company C, First Regiment Connecticut Cavalry Volunteers, December 17, 1861. He was promoted to second lieutenant Company A, and mustered in as such, to date January 26, 1863; as first lieutenant, same company, to date November 1, 1863, and honorably discharged as first lieutenant on account of physical disability, on January 20, 1865.

The General Orders of the War Department forbade the mustering of an officer to an advanced grade until after the receipt of his commission or appointment from competent authority, and until it was found by evidence that he was physically qualified for duty, and with his com-

The official records of this officer's regiment on file in the Adjutant-General's Office do not show that he rendered any service as captain.

Your committee, therefore, have to report that the bill ought not to pass. They ask to be discharged from its further consideration, and recommend its indefinite postponement.